

necessary action against those employers found guilty of violating the provisions of the Act.

(c) Under the National Child Labour Project Scheme, special schools for working children are being run by the district administration with the help of NGOs and social organizations.

(d) Same as (b) above.

**Beedi workers in the country**

982. DR. MAM RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beedi workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of women beedi workers in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether various Acts relating to welfare of beedi workers are being enforced strictly in all the States;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to further improve the condition of the beedi workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed (See belows).

(c) and (d) Various Acts relating to welfare of beedi workers are being enforced strictly in the concerned States.

(e) Various welfare schemes in the sphere of health care, education, housing, social security are formulated and are in operation for the benefit of the beedi workers and their dependents.

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**Statement**

*Statement showing State-wise details of the estimated number of beedi workers and number of women beedi workes*

Sl. Name of the No. State	Total No. of Estimated Beedi Workers	Total No. of Estimated Women Beedi Workers
1. Andhra Pradesh	7,35,711	6,25,354
2. Assam	6,674	4,338
3. Bihar	1,94,170	1,10,273
4. Jharkhand	89,124	49,807
5. Gujarat	46,355	25,252
6. Karnataka	2,50,078	2,15,688
7. Kerala	84,133	72,318
8. Madhya Pradesh	9,87,088	5,92,253
9. Chhattisgarh	20,481	13,107
10. Maharashtra	2,56,000	2,30,000
11. Orissa	1,90,313	76,125
12. Rajasthan	34,226	31,341
13. Tripura	9,372	6,092
14. Tamil Nadu	6,25,000	5,31,250
15. Uttar Pradesh	4,50,000	3,60,450
16. West Bengal	10,74,531	6,98,445
TOTAL	50,53,256	36,42,093